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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 112
By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Vic King and the 1996-1997 LaFollette Middle School boys' basketball team on winning the Eastern Sectional title.

WHEREAS, early in the season the word went forth from Campbell County that the exciting LaFollette Middle School boys' basketball team was one of extraordinary talent and probably one of the top middle school squads ever assembled on the hard courts of Tennessee. This early indication of greatness proved to be true when they faced the rigors of an extremely tough schedule and emerged to win the prestigious Eastern Sectional Tournament championship, to the thunderous approval of their many fans and the delight of basketball aficionados; and

WHEREAS, LaFollette won the Eastern Sectional title by beating Oneida with an impressive 44-30 score; and

WHEREAS, the Owls also defeated Oneida to win the coveted Area 2 North Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, they finished this very memorable season with a rare, unblemished 31-0 record; and

WHEREAS, this was the third time that LaFollette had finished the season undefeated; and

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WHEREAS, the Owls were under the sagacious leadership of Coach Vic King and his fine Assistant Coach Chuck Woods; and

WHEREAS, the members of the team were: eighth graders, Matt Cline, Post; Nick Goins, Post; Brent Walden, Wing; Travis Thompson, Wing; John White, Wing/Post; Brent Martin, Wing/Post and Michael Ivey, Point; and seventh graders, Tyler Young, Wing; David Branam, Post; Matt Cain, Point; Josh James, Wing and Roger Bitz, Post; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working managers were: Sean Vincent, Amanda Gilreath, Jarred Seiber, and Justin Clear; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor this exemplary group of young Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Vic King and the 1996-1997 LaFollette Middle School boys' basketball team and wish them well in their endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That 18 copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.